

WORKING TOWARD PEACE.

NO HITCH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT PARIS.

This fact doesn't prevent Paris reporters from imagining there is trouble. Figure gives a brilliant entertainment in honor of the Peace Commission.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—The correspondent of THE SUN is to say on good authority that the rumors of hitches in the negotiations between the American and Spanish Commissioners are unfounded. Nothing is known of the proceedings of the commission beyond the fact that the Americans and Spaniards met separately this morning and afternoon.

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The artists included the Coquellins, Huguenot, Renaud, Maria Guerrero, Marguerite Lave, Simon Girard, and Louis Fuller. The latter danced amid lights which threw the French, English, and Spanish Commissioners in green and blue. He ended his performance with a speech, in which he expressed the hope that arbitration would win the day. Her dancing and her speech were both equally appreciated by the Commissioners, who sat in front of the improvised stage.

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The *Gaulois* says that the Peace Commissioners at their meeting yesterday raised the subject of the Philippines indirectly. The United States aim at a system of compensation and claim possession of the whole Philippine group. The American Government is prepared to become responsible for the Philippine debt provided that Spain guarantees the Cuban debt.

The discussion, the *Gaulois* says, was very animated. The American Commissioners, and the Spanish Commissioner, and the Spanish Commissioner, having received precise instructions from their respective Governments, the Americans hold that there can be no discussion of the principles upon which the negotiations are based, while on the other hand the Spaniards reply that the protocol was signed at a critical time and in the face of such imperative necessity that it cannot be regarded as sanctioned by the sovereign free will of the Spanish nation.

MADRID, Oct. 12.—The reported decision of the American Peace Commissioners at Paris to have anything to do with the Cuban or Puerto Rican debts has produced a strong feeling of dissatisfaction here.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A despatch from Paris to a news agency says that Gen. Horace Porter, the American Ambassador, will invite the Spanish Peace Commissioners to a dinner to be given at the Embassy on Tuesday night.

FRENCH PAPERS BLUSTER.

Some of them say France will stay on the Nile.

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The Egyptian people are French people in their hearts, and will under no pretext permit a retreat pure and simple. "We should remain at Fashoda," the paper declares, "notwithstanding the threats of the British Cabinet."

The *Steele*, pointing out that the fact that the only way of communicating with Marchand is through the British, adds: "France will gain nothing by opposing the British project of uniting Cape Colony and Egypt."

A prominent French diplomatist is quoted in the *Continent* as saying: "Russia is with us, and England is against us. Bandonment of his Egyptian town shows that he does not consider matters. Let us have a well-defined policy, and England will then be compelled to break plainly."

The *Kelso de Paris* declares it to be also necessary that France should have a policy, and that she intends to have one. If England is not satisfied with France, recourse will be had to the powers. The *Evening* of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Holland and Turkey would easily obtain her ends. In conclusion, the paper says:

"Lord Salisbury be careful. France is still at the front. A Cossack movement on the Afghan frontier will be easy, and it is already being considered."

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—Several Russian newspapers express the opinion that the only rational method of solving the Fashoda question is to refer the matter to arbitration, in order to exclude every danger of war. Diplomatic opinion here concurs in this view.

TORONTO, Oct. 12.—The *Star*, in its writing on the Fashoda incident, says diplomatic opinion can easily settle the matter. France does not want war. Between the Dreyfus affair and the great strike she has enough to do. A strike looks like a general insurrection of the working classes in Paris against the existing order of things.

The *Star* declares that the republic has failed in France, and the country, menaced with confusion, political and social, is ready to seek shelter under a strong Government founded on military forces. He adds that the French are passionately attached to equality, but their attachment to liberty is weak.

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He regarded the question as one of supreme importance, and in the face of a deliberate attempt that a particular act would be considered by the British Government an unfriendly act, he said that the Government has committed itself to a policy which is deliberately and almost insurmountable obstacles.

Another grave feature was that the entire strength of the nation was behind the policy of the Liberal Government, which had been in power at the time by the nation. Any Government attempting to recede from its policy

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